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Moving in Liberty Township's new digs offer more space, but solution isn't permanent

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No longer must Liberty Township's fiscal officer work from and store documents at home, nor must its township administrator toil out of a makeshift cubicle in the corner of a meeting room.

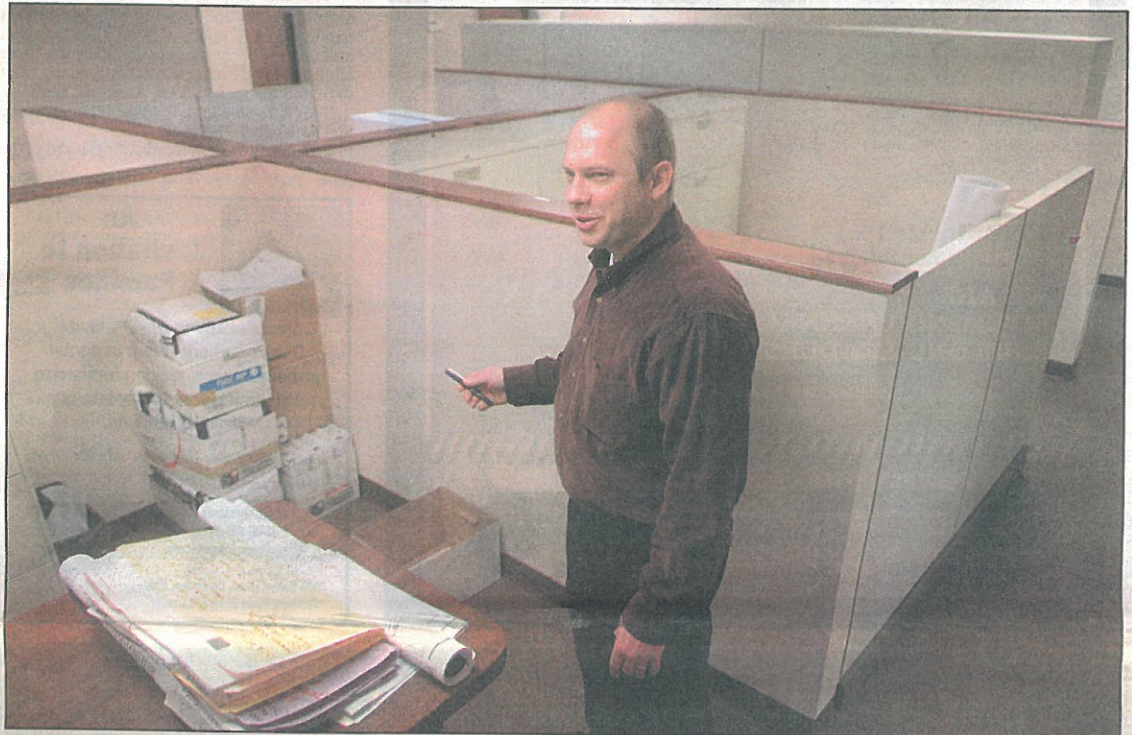
Though there a few more steps to take in the next month, township officials are almost completely finished moving into their new office space at 10104 Brewster Lane, off Sawmill Parkway.

"It's been an awful lot of work here, but it's a fun challenge," said Township Administrator Dave Anderson.

Officials moved to the new office space include those of Anderson and Zoning Inspector Holly Foust.

The township fiscal officer also eventually will work out of the space, though current Fiscal Officer Marcia Rûsh likely will continue to work at home until her term ends. Mark Gerber, who was elected in November

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Liberty Township Administrator Dave Anderson gives a tour of the township's new office space at 10104 Brewster Lane.

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Dog training center asks area's aspiring jingle-writers for help

■ Lewis Center-based Acme Canine hopes its contest will produce a catchy musical refrain for broadcast.

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In the annals of American rock music, dogs have inspired songs great ("Hound Dog"), terrible ("Who Let the Dogs Out?") and epic ("Black Dog").

Now, a Delaware County business is inviting dog lovers to record their own canine-inspired songs – and one lucky entrant has the opportunity to win free obedience training for Fido.

Acme Canine, a Lewis Center-based dog obedience training business, is seeking a catchy jingle for its advertisements, and rather than hire an advertising agency, its owner is offering to residents the opportunity to have tunes of their own design broadcast to local audiences.

"We believe that training should be fun," owner Laura Pakis said. "So many people

think of obedience (training) as a school ... so we thought a jingle would be a nice way to get that point across."

The songs – which can be of any genre, but no more than 90 seconds in length – should describe what the writer loves about Acme Canine, Pakis said. They will be judged on lyrics, originality and musicality.

"We're ... looking for something that reflects our dedication to training and coaching," she said.

To sweeten the pot, an on-leash obedience residency – a value of about \$925 – will be offered to the pet of the winner, though the winner need not keep the prize for himself or herself.

"They can either give it to a rescue group as a gift or they can use it themselves," said Pakis. "It doesn't really matter to us."

The type of residency program offered as a prize generally lasts seven to 10 days. It is preceded by a brief assessment to determine the dog's temperament and also includes two follow-up sessions.

Training at Acme Canine typically focuses on teaching standard commands and making

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Laura Pakis hangs out with her 3-year-old giant schnauzer Woofie at her Lewis Center home, from which she runs Acme Canine, a dog training business. Acme Canine is looking for help in writing a new advertising jingle.